Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 30 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 31 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 29 Dec 2021 at 16:46 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for mild, changeable and often windy weather, lower for cloud and rainfall details each day.

Headline for Thursday 30 Dec 2021: Very windy, with severe gale or storm force winds. Early rain showers then mainly dry with some clear or sunny intervals.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 30 Dec 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Medium Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain showers (night)	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Dull	Dull	Sunny intervals	Dull	Dull
Precipitation probability							
30%	80%	60%	20%	20%	10%	10%	10%

Forecast for Thursday 30 Dec 2021

Weather: Showers will become heavier and more frequent in the early hours with some longer spells of rain likely. Towards dawn the showers will become lighter. Then daylight hours mainly dry, though the odd light shower. Many staying clouyd but a few bright or sunny intervals possible mainly in shelter. A very windy day with severe gales. Mainly dry in the evening with winds easing but cloud and rain will develop late evening, turning heavy by midnight.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% increasing 40% in the afternoon, decreasing again by midnight.

Visibility: Occasionally poor overnight. Generally good by daylight away from cloud, which will be quite widespread above 750m, though breaking in shelter. Poor in heavier rain by midnight.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	42/51 SW	47/58 S	47/58 SW	41/51 SW	37/47 SW	32/42 SW	29/37 SW	24/31 SW	19/24 S
900	30/40 SW	29/40 SW	32/43 SW	28/37 SW	27/37 SW	25/34 SW	22/31 SW	19/25 SW	13/18 S
600	41/49 SW	42/51 S	38/48 SW	32/42 SW	31/40 SW	29/37 SW	25/33 SW	20/26 SW	11/14 S
300	20/31 SW	20/30 S	21/32 SW	17/27 SW	17/26 SW	15/24 SW	13/22 SW	9/15 S	7/11 SE
Glen	15/30 SW	14/29 SW	14/29 SW	12/27 SW	13/26 SW	12/24 SW	9/19 SW	5/10 SW	4/8 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	1/-7	2/-7	4/-4	3/-5	3/-4	3/-4	2/-5	2/-4	2/-4
900	3/-3	4/-3	5/-1	5/-1	5/-1	5/-1	4/-1	4/-1	4/-0
600	6/-1	6/0	7/2	7/2	7/2	7/2	6/1	6/2	7/4
300	8/4	8/4	9/5	9/6	9/6	9/6	8/5	8/6	9/7
Glen	9/6	10/6	10/8	10/8	11/8	10/8	10/8	9/8	9/8
Freezing Level*	1500m	1700m	1800m	1700m	1600m	1500m	1400m	1500m	1600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Despite relatively high freezing levels, a strong wind chill.

Forecast for Friday 31 Dec 2021
Weather: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain, persistent and heavy overnight and into the morning then becoming light and patchy, with cloud breaking in the afternoon and evening. More rain returning towards midnight.

Maximum wind: Northeast 20-30mph becoming north or northwest in the afternoon. By midnight southerly 40-50mph gusts 70mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance in the morning then improving to 80% during the afternoon though a limited cloud free period before dusk.

Visibility: Poor in the morning with cloud widely down to 600-750m, then becoming mainly good as cloud breaks and lifts.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 10 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 5 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits

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